MRTS Project

7536. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has raised certain objections on the MRTS project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Planning Commission has directed the Ministry to seek fresh approval from the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir. In fact, the Planning commission has recognised Delhi MRTS as a priority scheme and assured that necessary financial support will be extended for the project at an appropriate stage.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Assistance for Water Supply and Sewerage Project

7537. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal for financial assistance from the Government of Maharashtra regarding water supply and sewerage Project stage II to provide adequate drinking water to the erstwhile municipal areas of Thane, Doonbivali, Kalyan, Dhiwandi Badlapur and Ambesnath areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of action taken/to be taken thereon;

(d) whether the project is being posed for World Bank assistance;

(e) the details of projects proposed for World Bank assistance particularly from Maharashtra and decisions taken thereon; and

(f) the progress of works financed by World Bank as on 31st March, 1995?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The Govt. of Maharashtra has submitted the Maharashtra Water Supply & Sewerage Project Stage II Phase-I at an estimated cost of Rs. 863 crores for possible assistance from World Bank. The areas included in the project are Bhayandar Municipal Council area, Thane Municipal Corporation area, Bhiwandi Municipal area, and surrounding villages, Kalyan Municipal Corporation area, Ulhasnagar Municipal town and areas to the east and south of Kalyan Municipal Corporation. The areas included in the Kalyan Region are Ambernath, Dombivli, Kalyan, Ulhasnagar, Badlapur, Titwala & Kalyan Growth Centre.

(c) The proposal has been accepted in principle from technical angle by the Central Public Health & Environmental Engineering Organisation in this Ministry and recommended to the Department of Economic Affairs. The State Govt. is required to sort out the issues and obtain clearances of the Planning Commission, the Central Water Commission and the Ministry of Environmental & Forest.

(d) It would be premature to pose the project for World Bank assistance at this stage.

(e) The Bombay Sewage Disposal Project at an estimated cost of Rs. 1003.8 crores and the Mid-Vaitarana (Bombay-IV) water supply project at an estimated cost of Rs. 570 crores have proposed for World Bank assistance. The Bombay Sewage Disposal Project has been appraised by the World Bank and is likely to be negotiated for loan assistance shortly. The State Govt. has been requested to obtain the clearances of the Ministries of Water Resources, Environment & Forests and Planning Commission for the Mid-